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Subject: some interesting samples

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Lam,

From the site visit back on September 18th I got some samples I was not sure what to do with. I usually spike with a 50:50 mix of nitric acid:DI water to adjust the pH to around 1.0 or so for processing on an Oasis WAX SPE cartridge and to prevent algae/microbial growth. I had 4 samples I am not sure if you received that had a very high pH:

Deg Tank (pH 12.0)

Common Waste Tank (pH 12.0)

Hydrolysis Sump (pH 12.0)

Alkaline waste Tank (pH >14.0)

When I acidified the Deg Tank, Common Waste Tank and Hydrolysis Sump a white precipitate formed in the water. It filtered out but I have no idea what it is. Do you?

Also the pH of the alkaline Waste Tank did not respond at all to 3x nitric acid spikes so I gave up on it.

Here is a photo of the white ppt in solution and on a filter media (Glass fiber filter).

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